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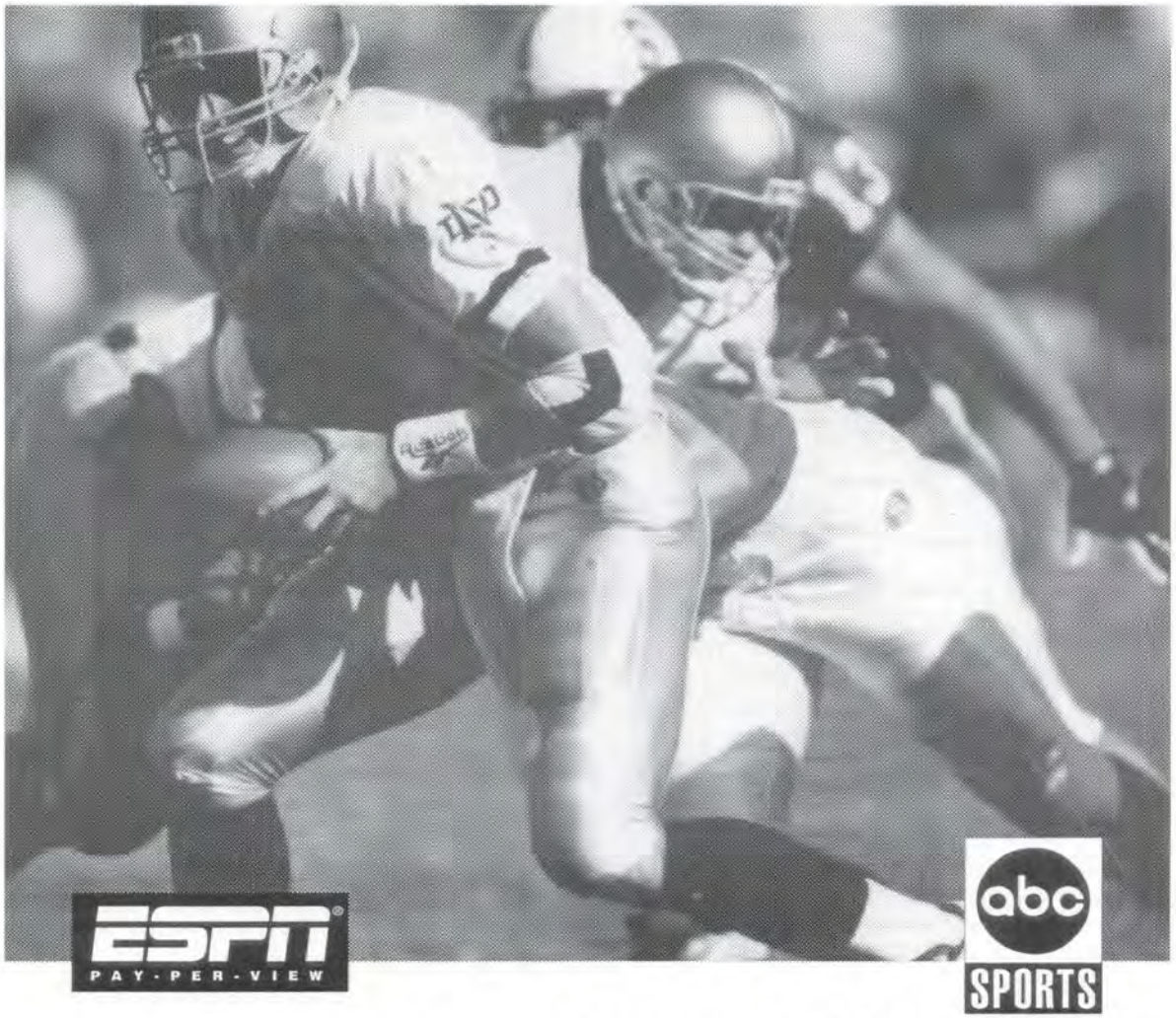

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As the fall sports season is getting into full swing, we are excited to be releasing our second issue of FINAL SCORE. We really appreciate the great support that we've had so far, but we're a long way from being where we want to be. We want to cover all high school and college sports in the area. However, we need some help.

We looking for writers to cover high school volleyball, softball, gymnastics and the rest of the fall sports. We also need people to cover the Lancers, Racers and Royals (next season), so give us a call. In Lincoln, call (402) 438-6991 and if you're in Omaha, call (402) 491-0947.

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Until next time, enjoy your favorite team and keep doing the right thing.

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NEBRASKA vs. UCLA

A series full of great moments, players, and coaches
by Chad Johnson

NU's Osborne

UCLA's Donahue

Nebraska and UCLA are two of college football's powerhouses rich with tradition. Over the years they have developed somewhat of a rivalry even though they are not regular opponents. It's been a series that has been marked with milestones by coaches and players with each school providing some fantastic teams. The players who have taken part in this game have been some of the best in college football history. From Tom Novak to Johnny Rodgers to Mark Harmon to Mike Rozier to Troy Aikman, the players involved are the epitome of what college football is supposed to be. ***FINAL SCORE*** looks back at some of the great moments throughout this series.

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UCLA 18 NU 0
Nov. 30, 1946
Los Angeles, Ca.

On November 30th, 1946, Nebraska traveled to L.A. to play an undefeated edition of the Bruins. Unfortunately, the Huskers were never really in the game, despite the defensive heroics of Cletus Fischer, who had a hand in stopping three UCLA drives in the "red zone."

Nebraska never seriously threatened and turnovers plagued the offense. The Husker running attack only generated 27 yards while the Bruins were unstoppable, grinding out 217 yards rushing in a 333 total yard effort. On a foggy day in the L.A., the Bruins were picked to win by 27. The Cornhuskers earned some respect by playing good defense and losing only 18-0.

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UCLA 27 NU 15
Oct. 30, 1948
Lincoln, Ne.

Two years later, on the day before Halloween, a crowd of 36,000 endured a rainy, gloomy day to see if coach Potsy Clark could make good on his prediction of a Big Red win. Despite the absence, due to injury, of his starting quarterback, a 4-time all conference fullback, center Tom Novak, and defensive terror, Cletus Fischer, the Huskers gave it a go.

Exploiting a weak pass defense, the Bruins built up a 21-0 lead going into fourth quarter. the Husker offense had been intercepted three times and the running game wasn't working. But in the fourth quarter, Nebraska ran off 15 unanswered points on a safety and two touchdowns, one thrown by Fischer, who entered the game despite injury. However, the Bruins sealed the Huskers fate with a third touchdown pass that put the game away for a final of 27-15. The Huskers lost despite outgaining UCLA 340-277.

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UCLA 20 NU 17
Sept. 9, 1972
Los Angeles, Ca.

Four Presidents and 24 years later, the final edition of the Devaney Cornhuskers traveled to L.A. to defend their #2 ranking and 23 game win streak. The Bruins were running the dreaded wishbone behind quarterback Mark Harmon, son of the Michigan Heisman Trophy winner. The '72 Huskers actually included the sons of some of the players who faced UCLA in the 40's.

Turnovers were again a factor with Nebraska giving the ball away 5 times. The Huskers rallied from a 10-0 deficit to tie the game, and again from 17-10 to tie before kicker Efren Herrera (later to play for the Cowboys and Seahawks) nailed a field goal with 22 seconds left to defeat David Humm, Johnny Rodgers and company 20-17.

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NU 40 UCLA 13
Sept. 8, 1973
Lincoln, Ne.

In 1973 a legendary era was kicked off. A young coach named Tom Osborne had to come up with a defense that included only three returning starters, and stop the 'bone. He was also facing the problem of starting #2 quarterback Steve Runty because David Humm's knee strain, and not having the likes of Johnny Rodgers as a target. The worries didn't last long as Runty led the team to 409 total yards including 9 of 12 passing for 105 yards. Tony Davis led all players in total yards with 179, 147 coming on the ground. The Huskers rolled to a 40-13 victory in Lincoln, Osborne's first.

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NU 42 UCLA 10
Sept. 24, 1983
Lincoln, Ne.

Ten years later, Osborne was seeking his 100th victory against the same team he won his first. The Bruins came into town seeking to defuse "The Scoring Explosion". The Bruins jumped out to a 10-0 lead behind the play of Rick Neuhersel. But the Bruin fun stopped there as the "Triplets"

Gill beat the Bruins in 1983 as a player and in 1993 as a coach.

took their gloves off. Mike Rozier, in the eyes of many, won his Heisman with a two yard run that covered about 50 yards. Husker and Bruin fans alike will remember as Rozier started left and got cut off, so he reversed his field, retreated all the way back to the 18, alluded another tackler, cut up field and slammed into the endzone behind the block of Harry Grimminger. Before it was all over, and Bruin bodies were taken from the field, the Huskers had blown out UCLA 42-10. Rozier had 173 yards and Tom Osborne had his 100th career win.

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NU 42 UCLA 3
Sept. 22, 1984
Pasadena, Ca.

1984, "a rebuilding" year for the Huskers, saw them travel to Pasadena as a 9 point favorite. Jeff Smith, the first Husker I-Back in the post-Rozier era, who according to the Nebraska Press Guide, wasn't supposed to gain 2,000 yards, had more yards after the first two games then any other Husker I-Back. Nebraska dominated the Bruins 42-3 and out gained them 468-206. Jeff Smith rushed for 139 yards in the first half before being injured. Husker fans will remember the coming out party for Doug Dubose, (2 page spread in Sports Illustrated). Of course we also remember the SI jinx which took effect the next week in Syracuse.

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NU 42 UCLA 33
Sept. 12, 1987
Lincoln, Ne.

The next game between the Huskers and Bruins was in 1987, in Lincoln and was one for the record books. Junior Quarterback Steve Taylor compensated for a running game that was held to 117 yards, by throwing for 5 touchdowns and 217 yards on 10-15 attempts, despite a bruised shoulder. Nebraska took a 42-17 lead into the 4th quarter and held off a UCLA rally to win 42-33. The Bruins leading yardage gainer was now All-Pro quarterback Troy Aikman who finished with 196 yards.

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UCLA 41 NU 28
Sept. 10, 1988
Pasadena, Ca.

1988 was another game for the record books. UCLA exploded to a 28-0 first quarter lead, the most points given up in one period by a Nebraska team in the Devaney-Osborne era. Nebraska didn't get on the board until Mark Blazek intercepted a Troy Aikman pass and scored on one of the worst "no-calls" in the history of college football. Blazek scooped up a tipped pass, rolled on the ground and headed towards the Nebraska sideline with the ball. He slowly jogged towards the Bruin endzone upon not hearing any whistle. 75 yards later the referee signaled touchdown and the Huskers were on the board. Even ABC's Keith Jackson called it, "....the worst no-call I've ever seen." At the half, UCLA led 38-13. Nebraska tried to get back into the game behind the play of Steve Taylor, who out gained Aikman 220-196, but it was too little, too late. UCLA 41 NU 28. Rack up win number 100 for Bruin coach Terry Donahue. Yet another milestone.

Blazek provided one of the few bright spots in '88 with his interception return for a TD.

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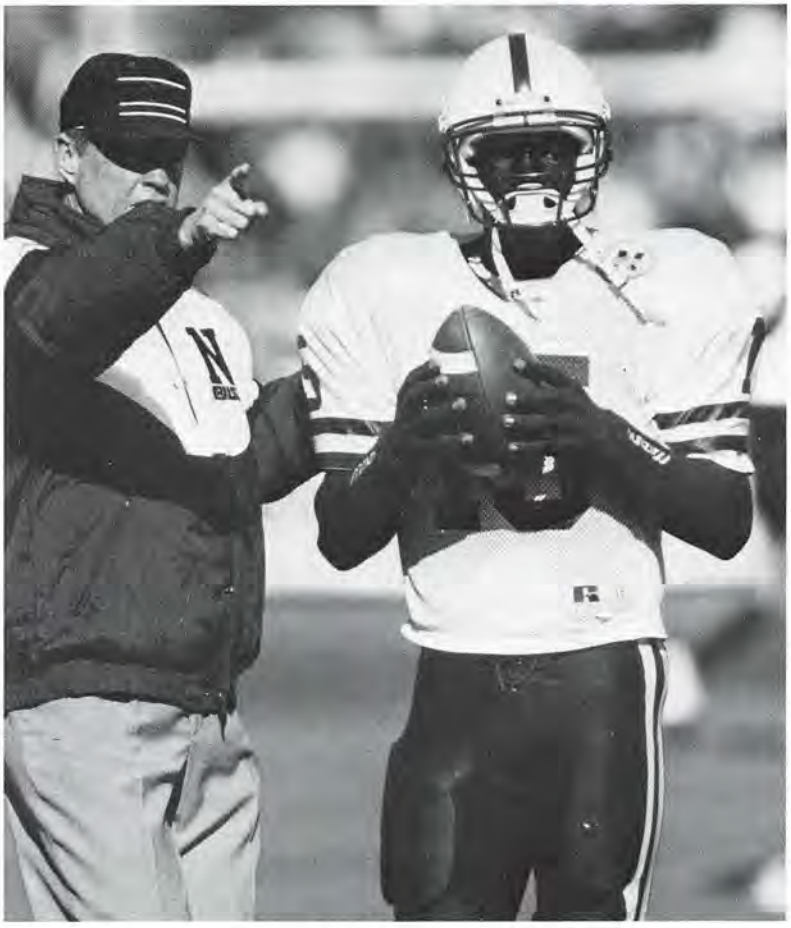
NU 14 UCLA 13
Sept. 18, 1993
Pasadena, Ca.

The most recent game in the series came last year in the Rose Bowl. With Tommie Frazier suffering from a sprained ankle, and Calvin Jones not even suited up, the Huskers struggled to a 14-13 win. It was one of the greatest defensive efforts by the Blackshirts in 1993 as Barron Miles held J.J. Stokes to only 65 yards on 6 catches and no touchdowns. UCLA jumped out to a 10-0 lead and led 10-7 at half after Lawrence Phillips' 5 yard run. In the second half, the Blackshirts took over and the Huskers held on for a 14-13 win. Trev Alberts had 12 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 forced fumble, 2 quarterback hurries and a pass breakup. Toby Wright had 13 tackles. True Freshman Phillips, a West Covina, California native finished with a team high 137 yards rushing. Frazier had 178 yards of total offense.

NU vs. UCLA

Phillips eluded the Bruins while rushing for 137 yards and a TD in his "Homecoming".

Sept. 17, 1994, Lincoln, NE.
Chad Johnson says: NU 31 UCLA 0
FINAL SCORE says: NU 31 UCLA 16
Editors Note: Who really knows what will happen in this year's game? Once again, it will be a game which features some of the best players in the nation. For UCLA, Heisman Candidate J.J. Stokes and quarterback Wayne Cook should present the Blackshirts with some problems. For NU, Heisman Candidate Tommy Frazier leads the way behind one of the best offensive lines in the country. Whatever the outcome, the UCLA-Nebraska series has provided all of it's fans with some breathtaking moments and numerous milestones. Osborne and Donahue are two of the top coaches in the country. These programs are what college football is all about.



COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25

Under the direction of Dr. Tom and Tommie, the Huskers are shooting for that elusive crown.

FINAL SCORE COLLEGE FOOTBALL TOP 25

team	record	points	next two weeks	
1) Florida	2-0	75pts	9/17 at Tennessee	9/24 idle
2) Nebraska	2-0	69 pts	9/17 UCLA	9/24 Pacific
3) Miami	2-0	68 pts	9/17 idle	9/24 Washington
4) Florida St.	2-0	67 pts	9/17 at Wake Forest	9/24 North Carolina
5) Penn St.	2-0	62 pts	9/17 Iowa	9/24 Rutgers
6) Michigan	2-0	61 pts	9/17 idle	9/24 Colorado
7) Colorado	1-0	58 pts	9/17 Wisconsin	9/24 at Michigan
8) Arizona	2-0	52 pta	9/17 idle	9/24 at Stanford
9) Notre Dame	1-1	49 pts	9/17 at Michigan St.	9/24 Purdue
10) Wisconsin	1-0	48 pts	9/17 at Colorado	9/24 Indiana
11) Alabama	2-0	47 pts	9/17 at Arkansas	9/24 Tulane
12) UCLA	2-0	43 pts	9/17 at Nebraska	9/24 Washington State
13) Texas A&M	2-0	39 pts	9/17 idle	9/24 Southern Miss.
14) N. Carolina	1-0	31 pts	9/17 Tulane	9/24 at Florida State
15) Texas	2-0	29 pts	9/17 idle	9/24 at TCU
16) Tennessee	1-1	28 pts	9/17 Florida	9/24 at Mississippi St.
17) Auburn	2-0	27 pts	9/17 LSU	9/24 East Tenn. St.
18) Oklahoma	1-1	20 pts	9/17 Texas Tech	9/24 idle
19) Va. Tech	2-0	19pts	9/17 at Boston College	9/24 West Virginia
20) USC	1-1	18 pts	9/17 idle	9/24 Baylor
21) Washington	1-1	18 pts	9/17 idle	9/24 at Miami
22) Kansas	1-0	12 pts	9/17 TCU	9/24 UAB
23) Ohio St.	1-1	10 pts	9/17 Pittsburgh	9/24 Houston
24) California	1-0	5pts	9/17 Hawaii	9/24 Arizona St.
25) Kansas St.	1-0	5pts	9/17 Rice	9/24 Minnesota

Not Quite There: Wash. St. (4), Clemson (4), Boston Col. (3), Georgia (2), Stanford (1), Virginia (1)

KEY UPCOMING GAMES

September 17

#1 Florida at #16 Tennessee
#12 UCLA at #2 Nebraska
#10 Wisconsin at #7 Colorado
#11 Alabama at Arkansas,
#19 Virginia. Tech at Boston College

September 24

#21 Washington at #3 Miami
#7 Colorado at #6 Michigan
#8 Arizona at Stanford
Washington State at #12 UCLA
#14 North Carolina at #4 Florida St.

NFL Standings

AFC

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	0	1.000	63	49
N.Y. Jets	2	0	0	1.000	48	25
Indianapolis	1	1	0	.500	55	45
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	41	58
New England	0	2	0	.000	70	77
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	1	1	0	.500	26	36
Cleveland	1	1	0	.500	38	37
Cincinnati	0	2	0	.000	30	55
Houston	0	2	0	.000	38	65
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Kansas City	2	0	0	1.000	54	34
San Diego	2	0	0	1.000	64	44
Seattle	2	0	0	1.000	66	16
Denver	0	2	0	.000	56	62
L.A. Raiders	0	2	0	.000	23	82

NFC

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Dallas	2	0	0	1.000	46	26
N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	1.000	48	40
Washington	1	1	0	.500	45	52
Philadelphia*	0	1	0	.000	23	28
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	29	34
Central	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago*	1	0	0	1.000	21	9
Green Bay	1	1	0	.500	30	34
Minnesota	1	1	0	.500	20	19
Detroit	1	1	0	.500	34	38
Tampa Bay	1	1	0	.500	33	31
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	1	1	0	.500	61	38
Atlanta	1	1	0	.500	59	44
L.A. Rams	1	1	0	.500	27	43
New Orleans	0	2	0	.000	41	68

***Monday, September 12 game not included.**

UPCOMING GAMES

Sunday, September 18:
Arizona at Cleveland
Buffalo at Houston
Green Bay at Philadelphia
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh
L.A. Raiders at Denver
Minnesota at Chicago
New England at Cincinnati
New Orleans at Tampa Bay
N.Y. Jets at Miami
San Diego at Seattle
San Francisco at L.A. Rams
Washington at N.Y. Giants
Kansas City at Atlanta (N)

Monday, September 19:
Detroit at Dallas

Sunday, September 25:
Atlanta at Washington
Cincinnati at Houston
Cleveland at Indianapolis
L.A. Rams at Kansas City
Miami at Minnesota
New England at Detroit
New Orleans at San Francisco
Pittsburgh at Seattle
San Diego at L.A. Raiders
Tampa Bay at Green Bay
Chicago at N.Y. Jets

Monday, September 26:
Denver at Buffalo
(open dates: Arizona, Dallas, N.Y. Giants, & Philadelphia)

HUSKER

RECAP

THE ROAD TO NUMBER ONE
GAME 1
Nebraska Vs. West Virginia
Kickoff Classic
Aug. 28, 1994

East Rutherford, NJ (Aug. 28) Neither Nebraska or West Virginia knew what to expect going into the 12th annual Kickoff Classic at the Meadowlands. However, by halftime, everyone watching in the 90 plus degree heat knew who the superior team was. Nebraska, led by Heisman trophy candidate Tommie Frazier dominated the Mountaineers 31-0, marking only the 2nd shutout in Kickoff Classic history. (The 1st was last year's FSU 42-0 win over KU).

On offense, Frazier did it all, rushing for 130 yards and 3 TD's and throwing for 100 yards with 1 TD. Lawrence Phillips added 126 yards rushing on 24 carries. It was the Blackshirts who made the biggest impact, holding West Virginia to 89 total yards. The Huskers move to 3-0 in Kickoff Classic games and has picked up where they left off after last year's Orange Bowl.

FINAL SCORE: NU 31 WVA 0 (NU 1-0)
FINAL SCORE MVP: Offense-Tommie Frazier **Defense-**The Blackshirts (we felt that everyone on defense deserved the MVP).

GAME 2
Nebraska at Texas Tech
September 8, 1994

Lubbock, TX (Sept. 8) The Huskers first game as the number one team in the nation was at times shaky, but they got the job done, beating the Red Raiders 42-16. Nebraska looked like the best team in the land scoring on their first drive via a 58-yard run by Heisman Trophy candidate Tommie Frazier. The Big Red seemed to be in the driver seat after the Blackshirts forced a Tech punt. But on the next position, I-Back Lawrence Phillips was stopped on 4th and 1 and the momentum was back with the home team. But Nebraska scored early in the second quarter on Frazier's 3-yard run to go up 14-0. The Husker defense dominated Tech through most of the first half. Texas Tech's Jon Davis kicked a 49-yard field goal capping off a drive that was aided by a controversial 43-yard reception, (which we all know wasn't a catch), and the Huskers led 14-3 at the half.

Tech came out fired up in the 2nd half scoring on their first drive, again aided by a questionable call, (interference on Tyrone Williams). After the 2-point try failed, the Huskers led 14-9 and Tech never got any closer. Nebraska responded with an 82-yard drive highlighted by Cory Schlessinger's runs of 41 and 24. Phillips scored from two yards out. Phillips took over the spotlight on the next drive, scoring from 56 yards out, padding the lead. Add on a Frazier to Eric Alford 35-yard TD pass, a Tech score on a fumble into the endzone, and a Clinton Childs 30-yard run and that was all she wrote.

FINAL SCORE: NU 42 Texas Tech 16 (NU 2-0)
FINAL SCORE MVP: Offense-Lawrence Phillips Defense-Mike Minter (He played great up until a season ending injury. Our hearts go out to Mike, a great ball player. Keep your head up and you'll get back to full speed.)

Next Two Opponents:
September 17- UCLA
September 24- Pacific

HUSKER STATS

TEAM STATS	NU	OPP.
1st downs	54	26
Rushing Attempts	123	80
Rushing Yds. Gained	928	252
Rushing Yds. Lost	36	97
Net Rushing Yds.	892	155
Yds. Per Rush	7.3	1.9
Rushing Yds. Per Game	446.0	77.0
Passes Attempted	34	48
Passes Completed	13	17
Passes Intercepted	3	3
Pass Comp. Percentage	.382	.354
Net Passing Yds.	188	231
Yds. Per Pass Attempt	5.5	4.9
Yds. Per Pass Comp.	14.5	13.6
Passing Yds. Per Game	94.0	115.5
Total Plays	157	128
Plays Per Game	78.5	64
Total Net Yds.	1080	386
Yds. Gained Per Play	6.9	3.0
Yds. Gained Per Game	540.0	193.0
Kickoff Returns/Yds.	4/101	2/35
Avg. Yds. Per Kickoff Ret.	25.3	17.5
Kickoff Ret. Per Game	2.0	1.0
Punt Returns/Yds.	10/142	4/17
Avg. Yds. Per Punt Ret.	14.2	4.3
Punt Ret. Per Game	5.0	2.0
INT Ret/Yds.	3/50	3/4
Avg. Yds. Per INT Ret.	16.7	1.3
Avg. INT Per Game	1.5	1.5
Punts/Total Yds.	6/286	17/872
Avg. Yds. Per Punt	47.7	51.3
Avg. Punts Per Game	3.0	8.5
Fumbles/Fumbles Lost	4/3	5/1
Penalties/Yds.	11/85	9/74
Avg. Yds. Per Penalty	7.7	8.2
Penalties Per Game/Yds.	5.5/42.5	4.5/37.0
3rd Down Con. Att/Made	28/13	30/6
3rd Down Con. %	.464	.200
4th Down Con. Att/Made	4/3	5/2
4th Down Con. %	.750	.400
Sacks/Yds.	11/65	1/9

Score By Quarters	1st/Avg.	2nd/Avg.	3rd/Avg.	4th/Avg.	Total
Nebraska	10/5.0	28/14	14/7.0	21/10.5	73/36.5
Opponent	0/.0	3/1.5	6/3.0	7/3.5	16/8.0

Heisman Candidate Frazier has been one of the main reasons for the Huskers success.

NU's leading rusher Phillips is next in the line of many great Husker I-Backs.

INDIVIDUAL STATS (offense)

Rushing	Att.	Gain	Loss	Net	Yds/A	Yds/G	TD	Long(Vs.)
Lawrence Phillips	43	308	7	301	7.0	150.5	2	56 (Texas Tech)
Tommie Frazier	25	240	26	214	8.6	107.0	5	58 (Texas Tech)
Cory Schlessinger	14	116	1	115	8.2	57.5	0	41 (Texas Tech)
Clinton Childs	14	89	0	89	6.4	44.5	1	30 (Texas Tech)
Damon Benning	12	64	0	64	5.3	32.0	0	12 (Texas Tech)
Brian Schuster	3	41	0	41	13.7	20.5	0	33 (Texas Tech)
Jeff Makovicka	7	36	0	36	5.1	18.0	0	11 (Texas Tech)
Brook Berringer	3	24	2	22	7.3	11.0	0	15 (Texas Tech)
Todd Uhlir	1	5	0	5	5.0	2.5	0	5 (West Virginia)
Chris Norris	1	5	0	5	5.0	2.5	0	5 (West Virginia)
Nebraska	123	928	36	892	7.3	446.0	8	----------
Opponents	80	252	97	155	1.9	77.5	1	----------

HUSKER STATS (con't)

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	INT	Yds.	TD	RTNG	Long (Vs.)
Tommie Frazier	31	13	.419	2	188	2	101.3	35 (Texas Tech)
Brook Berringer	2	0	.000	1	0	0	-100.0	
Lawrence Phillips	1	0	.000	0	0	0	.0	
Nebraska	34	13	.382	3	188	2	86.5	
Opponent	48	17	.354	3	231	1	70.2	

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Yds/R	Yds/G	TD	Rec/G	Long (Vs.)
Lawrence Phillips	5	56	11.2	28.0	0	2.5	24 (Texas Tech)
Reggie Baul	4	60	15.0	30.0	1	2.0	23 (West Virginia)
Eric Alford	1	35	35.0	17.5	1	.5	35 (Texas Tech)
Abdul Muhammad	1	23	23.0	11.5	0	.5	23 (West Virginia)
Brendon Holbein	1	7	7.0	3.5	0	.5	7 (West Virginia)
Mark Gilman	1	7	7.0	3.5	0	.5	7 (West Virginia)

Kicking XPA	XPM	Pct.	FGA	FGM	Pct.	Long	Points	
Tom Sieler	10	10	1.00	1	1	1.00	32	13
Darin Erstad	0	0	0.00	1	0	0.00	——	0

INDIVIDUAL STATS (defense)

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Yds/Ret	INT/G	TD	Long
Tony Veland	1	35	35.0	.5	0	35
Barron Miles	1	7	7.0	.5	0	7
Sedric Collins	1	8	8.0	1	0	8

Sacks	No.	Yds
Christian Peter	3	8
Ryan Terwilliger	2	8
Grant Wistrom	1.5	17
Jared Tomich	2	10
Kareem Moss	1	7
Jared Tomich	1	7
Jason Pesterfield	1	5

Tackle for Loss	No.	Yds.
Christian Peter	3	8
Grant Wistrom	2.5	20
Doug Coleman	2	11
Doug Coleman	1	10
Kareem Moss	2	8
Ryan Terwilliger	2	8
Donta Jones	2	3
Jason Pesterfield	1	5
Troy Dumas	1	4
Larry Townsend	1	3
Jason Peter	1	3
Mike Minter	1	1
Jon Hesse	1	1
Dwayne Harris	.5	3

Nebraska Volleyball Stats

	(———Attack———)					(--------Set--------)				(————Serve————)				
Husker	Att	Kill	K/GM	E	Pct.	Att.	A	A/GM	Pct.	Att	SA	S/GM	SE	PCT
Kelly Aspegren	141	79	4.158	16	.433	0	11	.579	.000	0	13	.684	5	.000
Stephanie Clerc	2	0	0.000	0	.000	0	2	.105	.000	0	1	.053	3	.000
Kate Crnich	9	3	.600	0	.333	0	0	.000	.000	0	0	.000	0	.000
Maria Hedbeck	86	31	1.632	13	.209	0	1	.053	.000	0	4	.211	8	.000
Christy Johnson	36	17	.895	6	.306	0	283	14.895	.000	0	5	.263	6	.000
Jen McFadden	117	54	2.842	14	.342	0	1	.053	.000	0	2	.105	1	.000
Peggy Meyer	6	3	.750	1	.333	0	0	.000	.000	0	0	.000	0	.000
Lisa Reitsma	4	2	1.000	1	.250	0	0	.000	.000	0	0	.000	0	.000
Allison Weston	160	75	3.947	24	.319	0	2	.105	.000	0	7	.368	14	.000
Billie Winsett	156	64	3.368	24	.256	0	3	.158	.000	0	4	.211	3	.000

	(————Pass————)			(—Defense—)		(——Block——)			
Husker	Att	Re	Pct	Dig	Dg/Gm	Bs	Ba	B/G	Be
Kelly Aspegren	0	1	.000	61	3.211	0	12	.632	2
Stephanie Clerc	0	1	.000	34	1.789	0	1	.053	0
Kate Crnich	0	2	.000	3	.600	0	1	.200	0
Maria Hedbeck	0	8	.000	53	2.789	0	3	.158	0
Christy Johnson	0	0	.000	40	2.105	1	9	.526	0
Jen McFadden	0	1	.000	9	.474	1	16	.895	1
Peggy Meyer	0	0	.000	0	.000	1	1	.500	0
Lisa Reitsma	0	0	.000	0	.000	0	0	.000	0
Allison Weston	0	3	.000	42	2.211	2	17	1.000	2
Billie Winsett	0	2	.000	65	3.421	0	8	.421	0

RECORD	W	L	Pct.
All Matches	6	0	1.000
Big 8	0	0	0.000
Home	3	0	1.000
Away	1	0	1.000
Neutral	2	0	1.000
3 Games	5	0	1.000
4 Games	1	0	1.000
5 Games	0	0	0.000

NEBRASKA
VOLLEYBALL

UNO FOOTBALL STATS

Team stats	UNO	OPP
1st Downs	31	53
-rushing	15	30
-passing	11	21
-penalty	5	2
Rushing Yds.	242	620
-avg.	121.0	310.0
-att	72	96
-avg/att	3.4	6.5
Passing Yds.	270	589
-avg.	135.0	294.5
Total Yds.	512	1209
-avg.	256.0	604.5
-plays	131	174
-avg/play	3.9	6.9
Fumbles/Lost	3/0	6/4
Penalties/Yds	9/82	21/161

Jermaine Hill has been one of the positive additions to the Mavericks this season. Hill leads the team in rushing with 208 Net yards.

Individual Stats

Rushing	Att	Yds.	Lost	Net	Avg.	Avg/C	TD	Long (Vs.)
Jermaine Hill	45	223	15	208	104.0	4.6	3	38 (UNK)
Maurad Cave	18	67	4	63	31.5	3.5	0	26 (Wayne St)
Josh Luedtke	1	0	5	-5	-2.5	-5.0	0	———
Troy Kloewer	8	15	39	-24	-12.0	-3.0	0	8 (Wayne St.)
UNO	**72**	**305**	**63**	**242**	**121.0**	**3.4**	**3**	———
Opponents	**96**	**639**	**19**	**620**	**310.0**	**3.2**	**3**	———

Passing	Comp	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds	TD	Avg.	Long (Vs.)
Troy Kloewer	23	45	1	.511	211	1	105.5	38 (UNK)
Josh Luedtke	3	14	0	.214	59	0	59.0	30 (Wayne St.)
UNO	**26**	**59**	**1**	**.441**	**270**	**1**	**135.0**	
Opponents	**46**	**78**	**1**	**.590**	**589**	**4**	**294.5**	

Receiving	Rec	Yds	TD	Avg/R	Avg/Y	Long (Vs.)
John Medley	16	194	1	8.0	12.1	38(UNK)
Marcus Ivy	5	63	0	2.5	31.5	30 (Wayne St.)
Rory Whaley	2	6	0	1.0	3.0	4 (Wayne St.)
Joe Hendricks	1	5	0	0.5	5.0	5 (Wayne St.)
Ryan Kauffman	1	1	0	0.5	1.0	1 (UNK)
Scott Sobota	1	1	0	0.5	1.0	1 (UNK)
UNO	**26**	**270**	**1**	**13.0**	**10.4**	
Opponents	**46**	**589**	**4**	**23.0**	**12.8**	

Kicking	XPA	XPM	FGA	FGM	Long	Pts.
Brian Ruch	1	0	2	1	41	3

Scoring	TD	XP1	XP2	FG	Pts.	Avg.
Jermaine Hill	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	18	9.0
John Medley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	6	3.0
Brian Ruch	0	0-1	0-0	1-2	3	1.5
Marcus Ivy	0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2	1.0

MAVERICK RECAP

MAVERICKS

UNO MAVERICK SCHEDULE

September	**October (con,t)**
3~at Wayne St. 17-40	8~Morningside
10~UNK 12-13	15~So. Dakota St.**22~at**
17~No. Dakota St.	**North Dakota**
24~atSouth Dakota	**29~No. Colorado**
October	**November**
1~at St. Cloud St.	**5~at Augustana**
	12~Mankato State

High School Football Stats & More!

FINAL SCORE SHOUT OUTS

- Paul Kosel (O. Burke) 55 yard FG against O. Central in week one.**
- Nate Sullivan (O. South) 335 yds & 5 TD's in week two against C.B.A.L.
- Jeff Semrad's 352 yds in two games
- Brooks Tapp's 77 yd caught pitch TD

**indicates a state record

FINAL SCORE High School Top 10

1) Omaha Creighton Prep (2-0)
2) Millard North (2-0)
3) Norfolk (2-0)
4) Papillion/LaVista (1-1)
5) Lincoln Southeast (2-0)
6) Omaha Benson (2-0)
7) Omaha Burke (2-0)
8) Omaha Central (1-1)
9) Columbus (2-0)
10) Kearney (2-0)

Almost there: Omaha Bryan,Bellevue East, Lincoln High, Lincoln East

RUSHING LEADERS

Player(team)	Att	Yds	TD	Avg/G
1) Nate Sullivan (O. South)	45	451	5	225.5
2) Jeff Semrad (Linc. SE)	55	352	4	176
3) Jay Uphoff (Mill. No.)	36	272	3	136
4) Paul Broderick (Prep)	33	270	3	135
5) Jarvis Young (O. North)	34	225	1	112.5
6) Rob Butler (Bell. East)	35	219	3	109.5
7) Ahman Green (Central)	36	211	1	105.5
8) Josh Sikes (Pap/Lav)	24	197	3	98.5
9) Damion Morrow (Cent.)	31	167	3	83.5

(These do NOT include schools who failed to submit stats)

KEY GAMES

September 16

#4 Papillion/LaVista at #8 Omaha Central
#2 Millard North at #1 Creighton Prep

September 17

#3 Norfolk at #5 Lincoln Southeast

September 23

#4 Papillion/LaVista at Lincoln East
#8 Omaha Central at #1 Creighton Prep
#6 Omaha Benson at #7 Omaha Burke
#10 Kearney at #9 Columbus

FINAL SCORE High School Playoff Point Total

A-1

1 O. Benson (2-0)
2 O. Central (1-1)
3 Linc. High (1-1)
4 No. Platte (0-2)

A-2

1 Norfolk (2-0)
2 Pap/Lavista (1-1)
3 Linc. East (1-1)
4 Mill. So. (0-2)

A-3

1 O. Cr. Prep (2-0)
2 Linc. SE (2-0)
3 Bell. East (2-0)
4 Columbus (2-0)

A-4

1 Mill. No. (2-0)
2 Kearney (2-0)
3 Bell. West (1-1)
4 Gr. Island (0-2)

A-5

1 O. Burke (2-0)
2 O. Bryan (1-1)
3 O. South (1-1)
4 O. North (0-2)

A-6

1 Fremont (1-1)
2 Om. NW (1-1)
3 O.Westside(0-2)
4 Linc. NE (0-2)

(It's too early for playoff points, so we listed the records of all Class A teams)

Bellevue East Chieftains

Record:2-0

Team Offense
Points Per Game:41
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:423.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:321.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:102

Team Defense
Points Per Game:6.5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:163
Rush Yds. Per Game:93.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:69.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Rob Butler	35-219	3	109.5
2) L. Bishop	8-148	1	74
3) Ryan David	25-142	3	71
4) Troy James	10-39	0	19.5
5) Nuru Allen	5-27	0	13.5

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Chad Gabriel	7-14-189-2-2
2) Nuru Allen	1-1-15-1-0

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Rob Herringer	2-105	2	52.5
2) Eric Francoif	2-37	0	18.5
3) R. Butler	1-24	0	12
4) M.Armstrong	1-15	1	7.5

Kicking (top 2)	xpa	xpm	fga	fgm	pts.
1) R. Herringer	3	4	0	0	3
2) Ken Harboe	2	2	0	0	2

DEFENSE

Player	Int
Rob Herringer	2
Lenard Stadom	1
Jeremy Hicks	1

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
2~Bell. West	32-13
9~Co. Bluffs A.L.	50-0
16~at Ralston	
23~Om. North	
29~at Om. South	
October	
7~Om. Gross	
14~at Om. Central	
20~at Pap./LaVista	
27~Om. Westside	

Bellevue West Thunderbirds

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:23.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:238.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:155.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:83

Team Defense
Points Per Game:17.5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:257
Rush Yds. Per Game:171.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:85.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att/yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att.-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
2~at Bell. East	13-32
9~at Om. Gross	34-3
16~Om. Westside	
23~Ralston	
30~at Mill. North	
October	
7~Co Bluffs A.L.	
14~at Cr. Prep	
21~at Om. Benson	
27~Om. Northwest	

Columbus Discoverers

Record:2-0

Team Offense
Points Per Game:N/A
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

Team Defense
Points Per Game:N/A
Tot. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
1~Fremont	
9~at Lewis Cent.	27-0
16~at Linc. Pius	
23~Kearney	
30~Norfolk	
October	
6~at Linc. SE	
14~North Platte	
21~at Linc. NE	
27~at Hastings	

Fremont Tigers

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:N/A
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

Team Defense
Points Per Game:N/A
Tot. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
1~at Columbus	
9~Grand Island	13-8
15~at Linc. East	
23~Hastings	
29~at Linc. High	
October	
7~Lincoln Pius	
14~Linc. NE	
21~at S. Sioux City	
27~at Linc. SE	

Grand Island Islanders

Record: 0-2

Team Offense
Points Per Game:7
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

Team Defense
Points Per Game:16.5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD/int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
2~Kearney	6-20
9~at Fremont	8-13
16~at Hastings	
23~Norfolk	
30~Linc. East	
October	
7~at North Platte	
14~at Linc. SE	
21~Linc. High	
28~Linc. NE	

Kearney Bearcats

Record: 2-0

Team Offense
Points Per Game:17
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

Team Defense
Points Per Game:3
Tot. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5 N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
2~Grand Island	20-6
9~North Platte	**14-0**
17~at S. Sioux City	
23~at Columbus	
30~Scottsbluff	
October	
7~at Linc. NE	
15~at Linc. High	
21~Hastings	
27~at Norfolk	

Lincoln East Spartans

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:15
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:186
Rush Yds. Per Game:97
Pass Yds. Per Game:87

Team Defense
Points Per Game:13
Tot. Yds. Per Game:264.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:182.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:82

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing

player	att/yds	TD	avg.
1) Doug Elliot	23-115	0	57.5
2) Tom Jeffrey	19-68	1	34
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Tom Jeffrey	11-33-178-1-1

Receiving

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Chad Troester	5-102	1	51
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Kicking	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
Bret Nelsen	3/3	1/1	6

DEFENSE

Player	Int
Tom Jeffrey	2
Jeff Redhage	1
Jeremy Tietgen	1

Sept.	W/L
2~Linc. SE	9-21
10~at Linc. NE	21-15
15~Fremont	
23~Pap/LaVista	
30~at Grand Island	
October	
7~at Hastings	
14~at Ottumwa, Ia.	
20~Norfolk	
28~Lincoln High	

Lincoln High Links

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:17.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:135
Rush Yds. Per Game:98.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:36.5

Team Defense
Points Per Game:26
Tot. Yds. Per Game:295.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:211
Pass Yds. Per Game:84.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Erich Warner	22-118	1	59
2) Tyrone Hall	19-38	3	19
3) Richard King	10-26	0	13
4) JoeJoe Styles	3-5	0	2.5
5) Jacob Swinscol	2-4	0	2

Passing

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Ryan Douglas	6-18-73-0-3

Receiving

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Brian Chaney	2-32	0	16
2) Joe Joe Styles	1-26	0	13
3) Scotty Luff	2-15	0	7.5
4) Tyrone Hall	1-2	0	1

Kicking	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
C. Schroeder	5 5	0 0	5

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
3~S. City Heelan	28-21
9~Linc. SE	7-31
16~Linc. NE	
23~at Om. Westside	
29~Fremont	
October	
7~at Norfolk	
15~Kearney	
21~at Grand Island	
28~at Linc. East	

Lincoln Northeast Rockets

Record: 0-2

Team Offense

Points Per Game:7.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:253.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:116.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:137

Team Defense

Points Per Game:31
Tot. Yds. Per Game:212
Rush Yds. Per Game:139.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:72.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Kicking

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
2~at Pap/LaVista	0-41
10~Linc. East	15-21
16~at Linc. High	
22~Millard North	
30~at Linc. SE	
October	
7~Kearney	
14~at Fremont	
21~Columbus	
27~at Grand Island	

Lincoln Southeast Knights

Record:2-0

Team Offense

Points Per Game:26
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:251
Rush Yds. Per Game:235
Pass Yds. Per Game:32

Team Defense

Points Per Game:8
Tot. Yds. Per Game:144.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:50.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:94

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Jeff Semrad	55-352	4	176
2) Lueders	10-51	0	25.5
3) K. Casados	10-37	1	18.5
4) Townsley	8-20	0	10
5) John Clare	6-19	1	8.5

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Cade	4-7-32-1-1

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Horton	2-23	1	11.5
2) Lueders	1-10	0	5
3) Semrad	1- -1	0	-.5

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) Jeff Sevenker	5 3	1 1	6

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
2~at Linc. East	21-9
9~at Linc. High	31-7
17~Norfolk	
23~at Millard South	
30~Linc. NE	
October	
6~Columbus	
14~Grand Island	
21~at North Platte	
27~Fremont	

Millard North Mustangs

Record:2-0

Team Offense

Points Per Game:30.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:331.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:246
Pass Yds. Per Game:85.5

Team Defense

Points Per Game:5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:167
Rush Yds. Per Game:77.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:89.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Jay Uphoff	36-272	3	136
2) Tom Brady	17-144	2	72
3) Jeff Crouch	8-39	0	19.5
4) Dale Barr	10-33	0	16.5
5) Greg Williams	3-10	0	5

Passing

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Dale Barr	11-26-169-3-0
2) Jeff Crouch	0-1-0-0-0

Receiving

player	rec/yds	TD	Avg.
1) Ryan Flynn	7-64	1	32
2) Jay Uphoff	2-59	1	29.5
3) Andy Carr	1-34	1	17
4) Nick Flynn	1-14	0	7

Kicking

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pt.s
1) Uphoff	9 7	0 0	7

DEFENSE

Player	Int
Brady	2
A. Steele	1
N. Flynn	1

Sept.	W/L
2~Ralston	41-0
9~Mill. South	20-10
16~at Cr. Prep	
22~at Lincoln NE	
30~Bell. West	
October	
7~at Om Benson	
14~Co. Bluffs A.L.	
21~Omaha Westside	
26~at Pap/LaVista	

Millard South Indians

Record:0-2

Team Offense

Points Per Game:15
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:293
Rush Yds. Per Game:113
Pass Yds. Per Game:180.5

Team Defense

Points Per Game:25
Tot. Yds. Per Game:303.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:226.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:77

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Jason Swanson	14-63	0	31.5
2) Jeff Hazen	12-54	0	27
3) Josh Miller	7-47	0	23.5
4) Dave Uhing	12-31	0	15.5
5) J.P. Schieber	16-16	0	8
6) Mattson	4-16	0	8

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) J.P. Schieber	16-41-240-2-2
2) Josh Miller	2-3-121-2-0

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	Avg.
1) Jeff Killeen	4-137	1	68.5
2) Brock Beran	3-73	2	36.5
3) Josh Miller	3-65	1	32.5
4) Jim Lang	3-47	0	23.5

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) Nate Parks	3 3	1 1	6

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
2~at Cr. Prep	20-30
9~at Mill. North	10-20
16~Om. North	
23~Linc. SE	
30~at Om. Northwest	
October	
7~Om. Bryan	
14~at Co. Bluffs T.J.	
20~at Om. Burke	
26~Om. Central	

Norfolk Panthers

Record:2-0

Team Offense
Points Per Game:38
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

Team Defense
Points Per Game:11
Tot. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
2~at North Platte	50-14
9~Hastings	26-8
17~at Linc. SE	
23~at Grand Island	
30~at Columbus	
October	
7~Linc. High	
14~S. Sioux City	
20~at Linc. East	
27~Kearney	

North Platte Bulldogs

Record:0-2

Team Offense
Points Per Game:7
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

Team Defense
Points Per Game:32
Tot. Yds. Per Game:N/A
Rush Yds. Per Game:N/A
Pass Yds. Per Game:N/A

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
2~Norfolk	14-50
9~at Kearney	14-0
16~Alliance	
23~at Gering	
30~Hastings	
October	
7~Grand Island	
14~at Columbus	
21~Linc. SE	
28~at Scottsbluff	

Omaha Benson Bunnies

Record:2-0

Team Offense
Points Per Game:17
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:283
Rush Yds. Per Game:148.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:134.5

Team Defense
Points Per Game:5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:190.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:142.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:48

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Teddy Cotton	16-88	0	44
2) Tory Veland	13-68	0	34
3) Zannie Adams	11-61	0	30.5
4) Chris Handy	14-58	0	29
5)J. Montgomery	8-22	0	11

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Tory Veland	14-27-209-4-1
2) Chris Handy	2-2-60-0-0

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Joe Jones	8-134	4	67
2) Zannie Adams	4-61	0	30.5
3) Teddy Cotton	1-26	0	13
4) Brooks Tapp	1-22	0	11

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) Nick Dolan	5 4	0 0	4

DEFENSE

Player	Int	TD
Tapp		1*

Player	Sacks

*-77 yd. fumble return

Sept.	W/L
2~Om. North	7-0
9~at Om. Bryan	27-10
16~at Co. Bl. A.L.	
23~at Om. Burke	
30~Cr. Prep	
October	
7~Mill. North	
14~at Om. Westside	
21~Bell. West	
26~at Om. Gross	

Omaha Bryan Bears

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:16.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:290.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:242.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:47

Team Defense
Points Per Game:16.5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:222.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:82
Pass Yds. Per Game:140.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Brian Clark	36-257	3	128.5
2) Micky Koory	29-222	2	111
3) An. Belfore	13-41	0	20.5
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Scott Morton	8-14-94-0-1

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Zaxi Phillips	2-48	0	24
2) Micky Koory	3-40	0	20
3) Joffre Morris	1-27	0	13.5
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) Micky Koory	4 3	2 2	9

DEFENSE

Player	Int
Andy Maass	1

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
2~at Om. Westside	23-6
9~Om. Benson	10-27
16~Co. Bl. T.J.	
23~at Om. South	
30~Om. North	
October	
7~at Mill. South	
14~Om. Burke	
21~at Om. NW	
26~Ralston	

Omaha Burke Bulldogs

Record:2-0

Team Offense
Points Per Game:17.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:273
Rush Yds. Per Game:133.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:139.5

Team Defense
Points Per Game:13.5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:242
Rush Yds. Per Game:164.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:77.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
2~at Om. Central	14-13
9~Om. Westside	21-14
16~at Omaha NW	
23~Om. Benson	
30~Co. Bl. T.J.	
October	
7~at Om. North	
14~at Om. Bryan	
20~Mill. South	
26~Om. South	

Omaha Central Eagles

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:17
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:301.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:242.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:59

Team Defense
Points Per Game:10.5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:229
Rush Yds. Per Game:155.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:73.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Ahman Green	36-211	1	105.5
2) D. Morrow	31-167	3	83.5
3) Tony Hudson	8-91	1	45.5
4) Jono Bradford	11-49	0	24.5

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Jono Bradford	8-21-118-0-1

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Brandon Myers	3-65	0	32.5
2) Luke Denny	2-22	0	11
3) Tony Hudson	2-21	0	10.5
4) Ahman Green	1-10	0	5

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) D. DiGiacomo	5 4	0 0	4

DEFENSE

Player	Int	TD

Sept.	W/L
2~Omaha Burke	13-14
9~at Omaha North	21-7
16~Pap/LaVista	
23~at Cr. Prep	
30~Om. Gross	
October	
7~at Ralston	
14~Bell. East	
20~at Om. South	
26~at Mill. South	

Om. Creighton Prep Junior Jays

Record:2-0

Team Offense
Points Per Game:30.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:324.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:235.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:89

Team Defense
Points Per Game:17
Tot. Yds. Per Game:302
Rush Yds. Per Game:103.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:199

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Paul Broderick	33-270	3	135
2) Mike Comer	16-123	1	61.5
3) Matt Devlin	23-61	1	30.5
4) J. Wellwood	12-12	0	6
5) Jonas Wanning	4-6	0	3

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Jerry Wellwood	16-24-178-2-2

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Dan Messina	5-73	0	36.5
2) Mike Comer	3-47	1	23.5
3) Pete Coniglio	3-30	1	15
4) Joe Krebs	3-27	0	13.5

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) Mark Ruch	8 7	1 1	10
2) Paul Broderick	0 0	1 1	3

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks

Sept.	W/L
2~Mill. South	30-20
9~at Pap/LaVista	31-14
16~Mill. North	
23~Om. Central	
30~at Om. Benson	
October	
7~at Om. Westside	
14~Bell. West	
21~at Co. Bl. A.L. .	
27~Om. North	

Omaha North Vikings

Record:0-2

Team Offense
Points Per Game:3.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:178
Rush Yds. Per Game:156
Pass Yds. Per Game:22

Team Defense
Points Per Game:14
Tot. Yds. Per Game:283
Rush Yds. Per Game:238
Pass Yds. Per Game:45

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Jarvis Young	34-225	1	112.5
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5)			

Passing

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)

	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) Nate Newville	1 1	0 0	1

DEFENSE

Player	Int
Givehand	1

Sept.	W/L
2~at Om. Benson	0-7
9~Om. Central	7-21
16~at Mill. South	
23~at Bell. East	
30~at Om. Bryan	
October	
7~Om. Burke	
14~Omaha NW	
21~Co. Bl. T.J.	
27~at Cr. Prep	

Om. Northwest Huskies

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:12
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:208
Rush Yds. Per Game:70
Pass Yds. Per Game:138

Team Defense
Points Per Game:11.5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:235.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:188.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:47

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds	TD-int
1) N/A		

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
2~Om. South	10-7
9~at Ralston	14-15
16~Om. Burke	
23~Om. Gross	
30~Mill. South	
October	
7~at Co. Bluffs T.J.	
14~at Om. North	
21~Om. Bryan	
27~at Bell. West	

Omaha South Packers

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:28
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:383.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:311.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:72

Team Defense
Points Per Game:17
Tot. Yds. Per Game:214.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:109
Pass Yds. Per Game:105.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing

player (top 5)	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Nate Sullivan	45-451	5	225.5
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) Andy Kirby	6 4	0 0	4

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
2~at Omaha NW	7-10
9~at Co. Bl. T.J.	49-24
15~at Om. Gross	
23~Om. Bryan	
29~Bell. East	
October	
7~at Pap/LaVista	
13~Ralston	
21~Om. Central	
26~at Om. Burke	

Omaha Westside Warriors

Record:0-2

Team Offense
Points Per Game:10
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:161.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:90.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:71

Team Defense
Points Per Game:22
Tot. Yds. Per Game:322.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:244.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:78

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) N/A	

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) N/A			
2) N/A			
3) N/A			
4) N/A			

Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) N/A			

DEFENSE

Player	Int
N/A	

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
2~Om. Bryan	6-23
9~at Om. Burke	14-21
16~at Bell. West	
23~Linc. High	
30~at Co. Bl. A.L.	
October	
7~Cr. Prep	
14~Om. Benson	
21~at Mill. North	
27~at Bell. East	

Papillion/LaVista Monarchs

Record:1-1

Team Offense
Points Per Game:27.5
Tot.. Yds. Per Game:290.5
Rush Yds. Per Game:151
Pass Yds. Per Game:139.5

Team Defense
Points Per Game:15.5
Tot. Yds. Per Game:258
Rush Yds. Per Game:157.5
Pass Yds. Per Game:100.5

INDIVIDUAL

Offense:Rushing (top 5)

player	att-yds	TD	avg.
1) Josh Sikes	24-197	3	98.5
2) Brian Wheeler	8-64	1	32
3) N/A			
4) N/A			
5) N/A			

Passing (top 2)

player	co-att-yds-TD-int
1) Frankie Halter	18-32-267-2-2

Receiving (top 4)

player	rec-yds	TD	avg.
1) Tony Kreis	6-132	0	66
2) Josh Sikes	6-92	2	46
3) John Gibson	4-60	0	30
4) N/A			

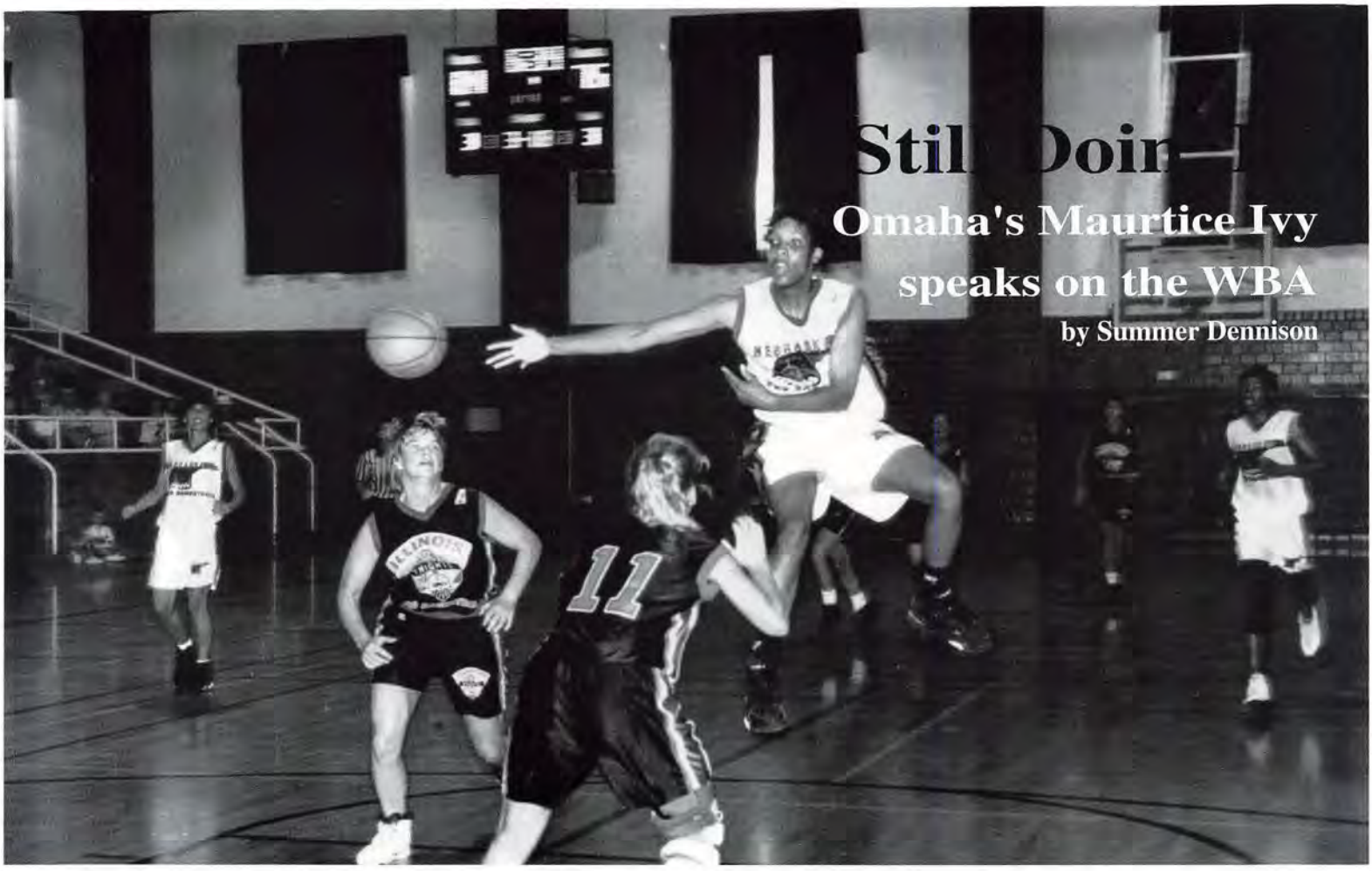
Kicking (top 2)	xpa/xpm	fga/fgm	pts.
1) Derrick Fuller	8 7	0 0	7

DEFENSE

Player	Int	TD
Tony Kreis	1	1
Hurrington	1	0
N Digiacomo	1	0
Mike Galvin	1	0

Player	Sacks
N/A	

Sept.	W/L
2~Linc. NE	41-0
9~Cr. Prep	14-31
16~at Om. Central	
23~at Linc. East	
30~at Ralston	
October	
7~Om. South	
13~at Om. Gross	
20~Bell. East	
26~Millard North	



Still Doin—

Omaha's Maurtice Ivy speaks on the WBA

by Summer Dennison

The Women's Basketball Association (WBA) is a women's professional basketball league that's making a name for itself in the U.S. While it's no NBA, in regards to national attention and endorsements, it definitely has loads of talent deserving of recognition. The league started last year in Kansas City and was actually a Women's All-Star team before that. The organizers of the WBA felt that a professional women's basketball league would gain more support in a smaller community, as opposed to a larger city, thus Nebraska's team began in Beatrice. The league recently finished it's second season on August 13 with The Nebraska Express winning the title. Final Score had the opportunity to speak with Maurtice Ivy about the WBA. Ivy is a basketball legend from Omaha (Central/UNL) and a current player for the Nebraska Express.

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The first season was a tough one for the WBA, particularly for the Nebraska Express team. Games were being played in Beatrice, and most of the players were from Omaha, so the drive was causing wear and tear. Soon, they got permission from the WBA's commissioner to have the games moved to Omaha. So the second season, the Express was based at Omaha Benson High. According to Ivy this gave the team more room to promote themselves and pick up support from a larger market.

"After the change to Omaha, during the beginning of the season, we didn't get that much support, but towards the end people start realizing the we (Nebraska Express) were playing and that we were good and things started picking up for us."

Nebraska Express received promotional assistance from Brenda Council, the City Council, Diane Thomas with the City Parks and Recreations and many other members of the community. Ivy also gave promotional credit to the World-Herald and various radio stations throughout the city.

The WBA consists of 6 other teams in Kansas City (2 teams), Iowa, Oklahoma, St. Louis, Memphis, and Indiana. Maurtice was one of the original players when The Express was based in Beatrice, so she has seen the growth of her team and the league.

"During the '93 season, Lightny Mitchell (the WBA commissioner) had a hard time starting a WBA team in Nebraska. So what he did was get with a current member of Nebraska Express to go out and recruit women that had played on the college level to develop the team. Basically, Lisa hand picked the Nebraska Express team, including myself."

Ivy is enjoying her time with WBA and feels good about the league and the Nebraska Express in particular since they won the championship this past season. The team doesn't have an owner yet and they have hopes of obtaining one soon. Ivy stated that because her team won the title, it would generate enough exposure and interest for possible prospects in regards to team owners. The WBA is a paid, professional basketball league, the salaries are nothing like what most professional athletes receive, but it's something.

Maurtice gave ***Final Score*** some insight into the WBA' s future.

"As far as Nebraska Express goes, we won the WBA this year, that stands alone. There's a lot of talent here in Nebraska. I think the WBA will continue to grow (not as large as the NBA),

but it will be a great option for women that are graduating out of college to participate in a league and get paid a substantial amount of money to do something that they enjoy doing."

Ivy also voiced concerns about her commitment to establishing a foundation for the WBA, a pioneer for women's basketball. She admits that she wouldn't mind getting paid a bit more

photo: Jason Young

When she's not on the court, Maurtice is the athletic director at the North Branch YMCA in Omaha.

for what she does, but she's still dedicated to opening doors for The Nebraska Express and the WBA.

The league will be expanding to more teams during the '95 schedule and is currently looking at teams on the West Coast. Ivy says there are possibilities of doubling the number of teams for the upcoming season which runs from May until August It was established during the summer months so that it didn't interfere with people's schedule. These women commit their entire summers to the WBA, but they get to travel and meet interesting people. Ivy also wanted to let the public know that all of the women on the Nebraska Express team have bachelor degrees and many are working on or have obtained post-graduate degrees.

" I want the public to know this because getting an education is an experience in itself, along with being an athlete. The media often fails to print that and I want it to be known."

As far as future goals, Maurtice states that basketball will always be her first love and she hopes to be coaching on the collegiate level in 3-5 years. Good luck to Maurtice Ivy and the entire WBA.

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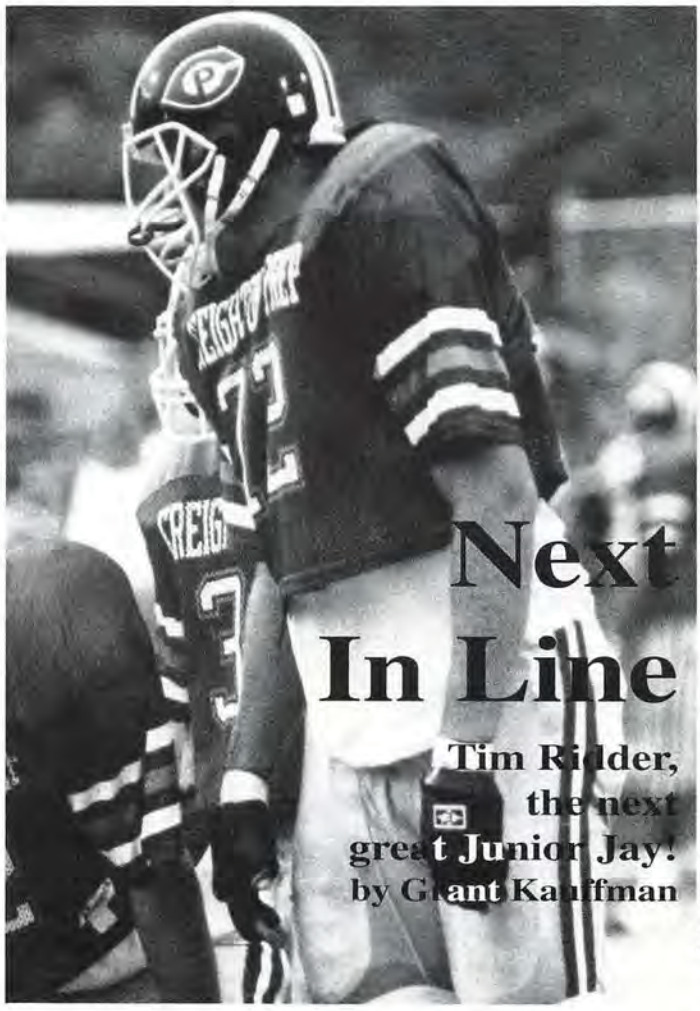

Next In Line

Tim Ridder, the next great Junior Jay!

by Grant Kauffman

photo: Jason Young

PLAYER PROFILE

Name:
Tim Ridder
Age: 17
Hometown: Omaha
Position: DT/OT
Favorite College Team: Nebr. & Notre Dame
Favorite Pro Team: Kansas City Chiefs
Personal Influences: Father
Sports Hero: Uncle (Dave Ridder, starting DE for the '83 Husker team)
Favorite Food: Lasagna
Favorite Class: History & Biology

As I entered the historic halls of Creighton Prep, I wasn't sure what to look for. I knew I needed to speak with coach Tom Jaworski, and a young man named Tim Ridder. I have to admit that I had never seen Tim, even though I've heard his name several times. I've heard about the many colleges who are recruiting him, and I've heard about all the talent he possesses on the football field, but I didn't know what he looked like.

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It's Labor Day morning, and I'm hard at work. Soon, Creighton Prep's football team will be working as well. They are preparing for the biggest battle in high school football so far in this young season. It's #1 Creighton Prep against #2 Papillion/ LaVista, (Final Score rankings), in what might be a preview of the state title game.

I'm instructed to wait by the picnic table next to a sand volleyball court. Amidst the many bees and allergy problems, I wait for my interview. Several players walk by me in full pads, on their way to practice. I'm wondering if any of them are Tim Ridder. All of the sudden I see a unique figure approaching in the distance. I say unique because what I'm looking at is not your normal high school football player. There is no question that Mr. Ridder has just arrived. His 6' 8", 280 pound frame is topped off by bright blond hair and a baby face. He yells out, "Hi, how are you doing?", in a boyish manner, and sits on the picnic table with me. We exchange some brief dialogue and then we start to talk.

Final Score: At what point did you realize, "I'm pretty good at football"?

Tim Ridder: It might have been my Sophomore year when I was brought up from JV after the second game. Then I started the next game and that would be the time I realized I was halfway decent. I started playing football my Freshman year and I wasn't too good because I hadn't played before. People I played against were a lot more technically sound than I was and they were getting me at my knees and I had a tendency to stand up. After my Sophomore year I finally learned that if I stay low and follow the basics, it would help me out a lot.

When did you realize that you had a chance to play in college?

Probably last year when I started getting letters. About halfway through the season I started getting letters and I thought that maybe I was good enough to play.

The big question; which colleges are most interested in you and which ones are you most interested in?

I've narrowed it down already to Nebraska, Notre Dame and Wisconsin.

What is it about football that you love the most?

Probably the contact because having never played before, well, in basketball, I've played basketball since 3rd grade and there are fouls and you can't touch anyone, but in football you can go all out. It's a full contact sport and it's a lot of fun. Being at Prep, its winning that's a lot of fun. I haven't really experienced a losing season because I have been at Prep with the tradition and all that.

What do you like least about football?

Maybe practice. That'd be my big concern. I really enjoy it, but its the same routine every day and you have to keep yourself motivated and it gets kind of hard.

How important is school to you?

My dad has made sure I've kept it above every sport so it's a real high priority on my list. That's my big reason for going to college is the education.

Talk to me about Creighton Prep, first the school and then the football team. What does it all mean to you?

As a school, Prep's tradition in education is why I was attracted to it, and of course the football tradition on top of that. The education is great and they always have high ACT scores and all that. Prep football team, they've always been great. They won like 6 titles in a row in the 80's. That's always attractive in a school to win 6 straight state championships. It shows the coaching staff knows what they're doing and they keep the players motivated. The thing with Prep is not that we always have the best talent in the state, its just that we usually have the biggest heart.

When you're out there playing do you ever think of that tradition in the middle of the game?

Not during the game as much. A couple of years ago we had a losing season and that kind of hurt us. We haven't won it in like four years, so I worry about the tradition, that we haven't kept it up, the Prep tradition. There's a regular level of playing football and there's a Prep level and we haven't been able to keep up with that lately.

As far as the publicity goes, how have you handled that? Has it been easy or difficult?

It's kind of difficult, but I try to make that another part of my life. It's just there and I try to avoid it.

How have your classmate treated you? Any different?

I haven't witnessed any difference, I hope there's no difference. Little kids look up to me now and thats kind of strange. (laughter) It's kind of weird, it's overwhelming.

What does winning the state title mean to you?

About everything this year. I don't care about the individual goals very much this year. Like I said, there's a regular level of playing football and then there's a Prep level and we haven't kept up to that lately. We're playing really good football right now and hopefully we'll be able to bring it back.

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There's no question that Tim Ridder has all of the physical tools to be a great college football player. After talking with him, there's no doubt that he has the attitude that will make him a successful person. Good luck Tim, not only on the field, but in life. I'm sure you'll do great. FINAL SCORE would like to thank coach Tom Jaworski, Creighton Prep, and Tim for their assistance in this interview.

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PLAYING THE FIELD

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IT'S ALL ABOUT RESPECT! "R-E-S-P-E-C-T/ find out what it means to me." When Aretha Franklin sang those words, little did she know that they would apply so well to the 1994 Nebraska Cornhusker football team. But, thanks to the Huskers near win on January 1 in the Orange Bowl, the players on this year's team have an extra responsibility. Not only do they have to win each week, the final score must be lopsided enough to continue to foster the respect of the national media. Respect that was supposedly earned back in one game on the first night of the new year.

Nebraska's bowl prowess, or lack thereof, had been well documented prior to the Orange Bowl game against Florida State. The Huskers were riding a six game bowl losing streak and had only four wins in fourteen previous bowls. Yet, after the 1994 Orange Bowl, which the Huskers lost 18-16, all the national media bashing the program had received over the years was erased. Sportswriters and sportscasters were lining up to sing the praises of the Nebraska Cornhuskers. These supposed "experts" were finally aware of a simple fact that Husker fans had known all along. The Nebraska Cornhusker Football program is alive and well, thank you.

But, how 'bout those "experts?" What do they have to say? Remember Bryan Burwell of USA Today? The loose-lipped columnist who promised to bathe in creamed corn if the Huskers beat Foot Locker State...sorry, Florida State? Well, he's still sticking to his claim that the Huskers didn't belong in the national title game last season. But, if you've read him lately, he's no longer a member of the "Shuck the Huskers" club. Burwell has given Tommie Frazier the nod as a legitimate Heisman candidate. And, Burwell of all people has anointed the Huskers as a true national title contender. Wow! Talk about attitude adjustment. Come on! Can one impressive showing against the "unbeatable " (except Notre Dame) 'Noles really prove that the Huskers are here to stay?

But he's not the only one. Remember Craig James? I'm sure you'd like to forget him, but there he is, the "Pony and the Patriot," rearing his ugly head on ESPN again. Last season, James lobbied for an Irish-Seminoles rematch and debated Trev Alberts on the air, saying the Huskers didn't belong. Well, look who's picking Dr. Tom's team for national honors! You think Trev's debating really changed James mind, or did the wind just shift and in the process change James mind? By the way, why in the name of NCAA probation would anyone want to claim having SMU and New England Patriots on their resume?

So, what does this mean? Surely, one game cannot make that much of a difference in a team's national perception? Logically, it can't, but in reality, it does. The national media is a fickle group. Miami, Florida State and Notre Dame get the respect that they do because they win the games that matter most. These are the teams that win on New Year's Day, which is the only time that many of the national media see the Big Red play, and the Big Red are in a nasty habit of losing on January first. Thus, the national pundit's opinion of the Huskers is essentially based on one game. It's not fair, but that's the way it is.

So, Husker fans, enjoy the respect that the Huskers are receiving now. Because, all it takes is one stumble, one bumble, or one fumble in a game, and the Huskers newfound respect will be gone as quickly as it arrived. Although the bandwagon may be full now, wait awhile and you'll find that there will be room soon enough. Our advice: Grow some thick skin and cheer on the Huskers! The nation's sports reporters may have the Huskers on a yo-yo, but the real fans will always bleed Husker red.

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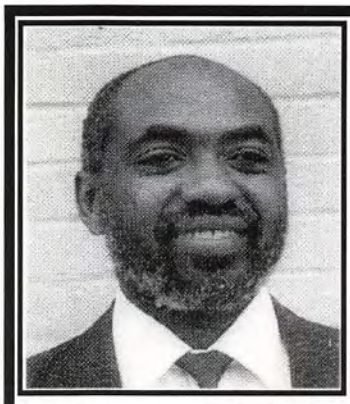

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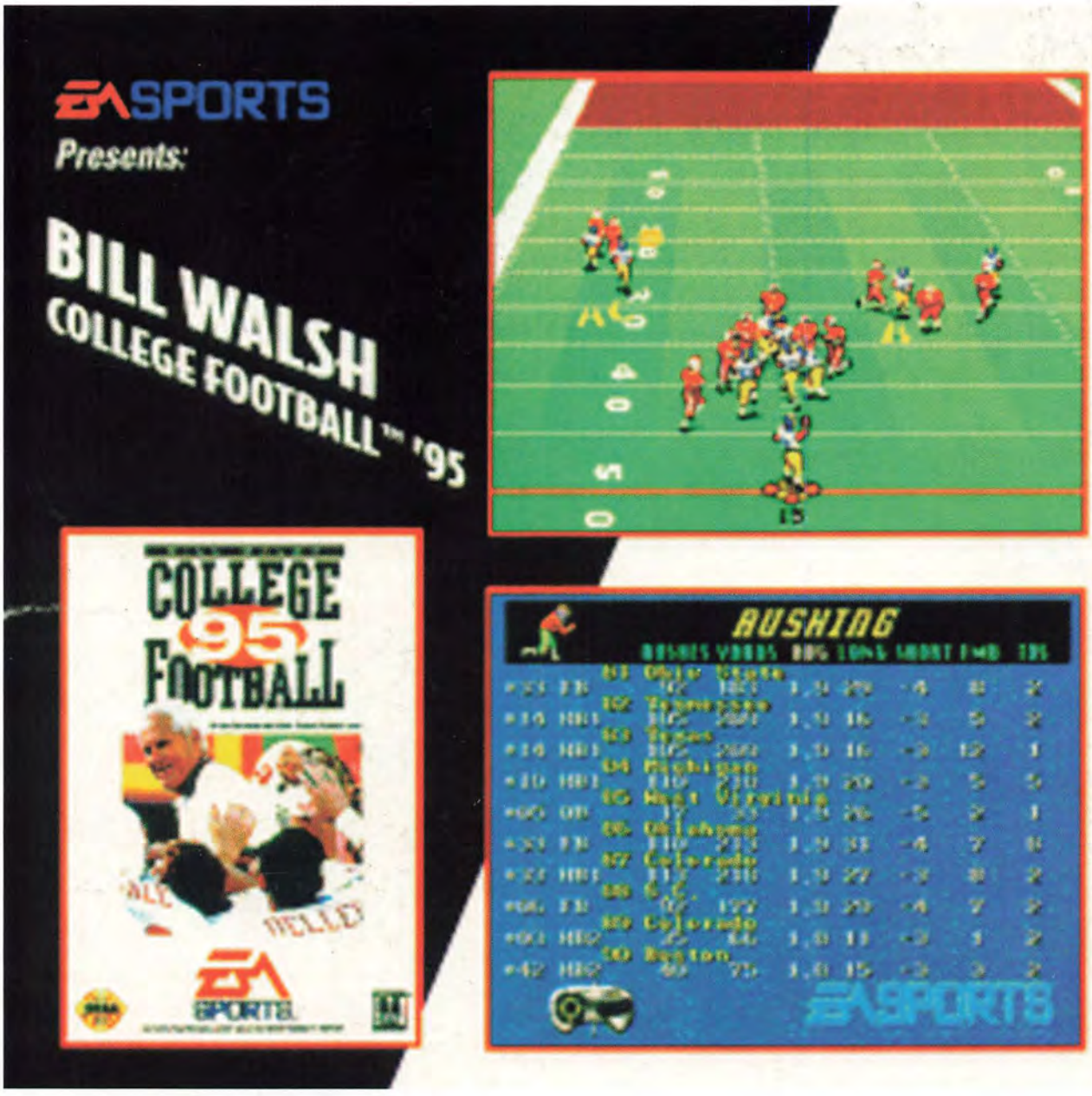

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